



Dear Parents of Camp Millionaire Session 2 attendees,

Camp Millionaire is an exciting opportunity for your kids. We want to encourage each of you to be open and curious because the kids will bring home several discussion questions during the week as they learn about various topics in regard to money and wealth. The questions are designed to encourage family discussions about money. To help you prepare for the discussions, the questions are listed at the end of this letter.

Please read through all the information carefully. Should you have any questions, feel free to call the Youth Activities office at 805-564-5495.

Let's cover the particulars of camp:

1. **When:** Monday through Friday, (***August 10-14, 2009***)
2. **Where:** Veteran's Memorial Building, 112 West Cabrillo Blvd, Santa Barbara, Ca, 93111.
3. **Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please have your child at the location between 8:30 and 8:45 the first day so they can settle in and we can start on time. Please come in personally with your child each day to check him/her in and out. If you need to make other arrangements, please let us know.

If your child will be absent from camp, please call the Youth Activities office by 9 am and leave a message at 564.5495. The Camp Director is equipped with a cellular phone for emergency purposes only. If you need to contact your camper, call the office and we will contact the Director and have your child call you.

Camp is over at 4:00 pm each day. Please remember to sign your child

out at the end of each day.

4. **What kids need to bring to camp:**

Monday:

- a. Any magazines they subscribe to or enjoy reading that they won't mind cutting up.
- b. Personal photos, drawings, etc. of belongings, family, etc. (they must not mind cutting the photos up either).
- c. Special foods your child eats.
- d. Any medication must be checked in upon arrival each day.
- e. Answers to first discussion questions (see below).
- f. Lunch (see below).

Everyday:

- a. Lunch and water (please, not soda or other sweet drinks)
- b. Playbook (this is provided on the first day of camp)
- c. Nametag if they brought it home.

5. **LUNCH and SNACKS:** Your child needs to bring a healthy lunch each day. We will provide fruit and snacks during the two breaks each day. We'd prefer that the kids bring water (no sugary drinks) as our experience with soda and caffeinated drinks is not a positive one. Also, please no gum or large bags of candy unless they intend to share with the other campers.
6. **What to leave at home:** CD players or Walkmans, personal items that may get lost or stolen as we can not be responsible for lost or stolen items. Cell phones can come with the kids but must be turned off during camp.
7. **Health History/Release Forms:** Please complete the enclosed Health History and Release Form. If you feel we'd benefit from additional information about your child, please feel free to add it to the form or speak with us directly. If your child has special challenges, or has special needs, please notify us before camp begins so that we can do our best to accommodate your child's needs.
8. We have the kids come up with the rules they need to have a successful

camp. The following are where we direct the nature of the rules to go. If you would go over them prior to camp it would be helpful.

- a) One person talks at a time—you can't listen (or learn) if you are talking.
- b) Please raise your hand to ask a question or make a comment.
- c) If you have to go to the bathroom between breaks, please do it quietly.
- d) Wear your nametag every day—leave it at camp at the end of each day.
- e) Bring your "Financial Playbook" every day.
- f) No gum in classroom.
 - a. Eating at breaks only.
 - b. Only water in classroom, no sodas etc.
 - c. Hats and caps are not allowed during camp.
- i) Facility rules apply.
- j) Please arrive at camp a little early each day so you're ready to have fun on time.
- k) Note: There are no dumb questions—all questions are welcome! Everyone is a genius in their own way and we all learn differently.
- l) Treat everyone with the kindness and respect you wish for yourself.

NOTES:

- **Please accompany your child the first day of camp to check them in** so we can meet you and make any notes about your child that may help us create a more positive learning experience for him/her. You will need to check your child in and out each day.
- We will make sure your child is safe and do our best to make sure he/she has a great time each day. If, by chance, an issue comes up that your child doesn't feel comfortable talking about with us, please give us a heads up immediately so we can make sure everyone is happy!
- **Friday is Field Trip Day!** We will be going to several different locations on Friday, including a local bank, business, and most likely the Mayor! Safety is our utmost concern and you can be assured that we will take care of your child as if they were our own. You will be getting more information about Friday during the week.

- Lastly, Sunday night before camp, we'd like you to sit down with your child and let HIM/HER ask you the following questions. We will be using this information the first day of class.

"Why did you want me to go to Camp Millionaire?"

"How did your parents learn about money?"

The following are other questions your child will ask you throughout the week. One of the biggest mistakes we make is thinking we shouldn't bother our kids with our financial matters. We suggest you involve them, let them help you pay bills, prepare budgets, have conversations with them about the emotional aspects you experience in regard to money. Open, honest communication is the first step toward removing the taboos that surround money and turning it into simply another life skill needed to be financially responsible.

It's critically important, for our program to be successful, that you, the parent, become a place where your child comes for information about money and finances. If you don't have the answers, find the answers together.

Additional questions your kids will come home with:

Q. What do your parents want for you financially?

Q. How do your parents keep track of their money?

Q. What does 'financial independence' and 'retirement' mean to your parents?

Q. What was your parents' best investment decision? Worst?

Q. What would your parents change if they could start over financially?

We can't wait to meet you all!

The Team at Camp Millionaire